

Steps to Being Empty
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99 Words

Nationwide pain
Rising tensions
Inciting speeches
Source of blame

Accusing stares
From old neighbors
Hushed whispers of
Plans to flee

Crowded ghettos
Crying children that
A mother can no longer
Shield or protect

Possessions stolen
Badges given
Fear rising
Too late to escape

Forced into lines
Ominous whistles
Wooden boxcars
One way ticket

A last goodbye
As your family
Is pulled apart
A mother with no son or husband

Another line
More goodbyes
Fortunates sent into Oblivion
Unfortunates left in Hell

Hair shaven
Stripped naked
Numbers tattooed
Identity Erased

Empty stomachs
Empty tear ducts
Empty life
Empty meaning

Empty

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